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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants concur with Examiner reasons for allowance set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8. That is the cited references do not indicate or suggest the compounds described in the pending claims and that the instant compounds are novel and patentably distinct. However, applicants note that there are other reasons for the allowance of the pending claims than those provided by the Examiner, for example there is no suggestion that the references even be combined.

Finally, the Examiner suggests the utility of the compounds taught by Berg *et al* and Yasunaga *et al* as 5-HT_{1A} and 5-HT_{1B} receptors, however, applicants would note that the compounds are described in the references as either agonist or antagonists of 5-HT receptors.

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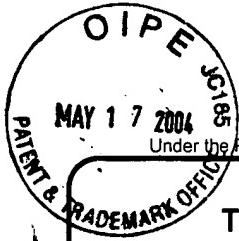
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